



LAND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (LGSA)

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The Liberia Land Governance Support Activity (LGSA) supports the establishment of more effective land governance systems and comprehensive reforms to help ensure equitable access to land and security of tenure for all; facilitate inclusive, sustained, and environmentally friendly growth; and development and promote peace and security. To achieve this goal, LGSA has four objectives:

- Strengthening the legal, policy, and regulatory framework for land governance;
- Improving human and institutional capacity for land governance;
- Protecting customary land rights; and
- Supporting civil society, private sector, and citizen engagement in land governance.

Current Activities

- Strengthening the policy, legal and regulatory framework for land governance by providing advisory support and recommendations for land policy and legal and regulatory reforms;
- Supporting the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) to draft and conduct consultation on the Land Survey and Land Surveyors Regulations;
- Conducting outreach activities on land rights reforms and associated legislation;
- Piloting steps and methodologies for customary land rights recognition;
- Improving human and institutional capacity for land governance by supporting institutional transition to the LLA;
- Supporting the establishment and operations of Regional County Land Boards;
- Supporting women's land rights initiatives;

- Supporting the professionalization of the surveying profession through refresher training to members of the Association Professional Surveyor in Liberia;
- Supporting the training of a pool of 30 surveyors through a nine-month geomatics course at the Forestry Training Institute (FTI) in Bomi;
- Assessing media options for publicizing legislation and institutional reform agenda; and
- Developing and managing grants supporting civil society and private sector entities engaged in land governance activities.

Accomplishment to Date

- Comprehensive review of legislative reform agenda and proposals made for future policy, legal, and regulatory reform;
- Completed the institutional audit and assessments for the Center for National Documents and Records Agency, the Department of Land Survey and Cartographic Services, the former Land Commission, and County Land Commissioners;
- Drafted the transition plan for the Liberia Land Authority ;
- Developed the learning agenda for customary land rights implementation;
- Consolidated methodology to guide the piloting of customary land rights recognition;
- Established gender unit at the LLA and launched a comprehensive gender land rights report;
- Developed gender strategy for inclusion of gender responsive program activities;
- Adapted reconstituted Surveyors Association by-laws, and leadership elections held;
- Established nine-months geomatics training course at FTI;
- Initiated pilot customary land recognition in seven communities in Lofa, Bong, and Nimba; and
- Established LLA to consolidate and absorb institutions with land functions, and regulate all activities with respect to land.

Planned Outcomes

- Legislative and regulatory reform agenda adopted and implemented by the LLA;
- Decentralized land management and institutional capacity development established and functioning;
- Thirty new surveyors trained through a nine-month surveying program;
- Public outreach and awareness campaigns on land rights and governance developed and implemented;
- Mainstreaming of Gender into the land policies and regulations enhanced;
- Facilitation of community-led processes to strengthen community land governance, including capacity building of communities, local institutions, and stakeholders undertaken;
- Procedure for the formalization of customary tenure rights developed and piloted;
- Civil society, private sector, and citizen engagement in land governance strengthened;
- Land related private professional organizations such as real estate association, bankers association, etc. established and functioning; and
- Public-private partnership mechanisms for the provision of land administration services established.